

SEMINOLE COUNTY COMMUNITY TRAFFIC SAFETY TEAM

June 23, 2009 Attendees:

NAME	AGENCY
Brenenstuhl, Pete	SCSO
Blinn, Mike	SCTE
Hickson, Troy	LPD
Burnham, Kris	LPD
Nas, William	CPD
Cheng, Tung-Lung	Metroplan Orl
Maxwell, Will	WSPD
Gamble, Wayne	Citizen Volunteer
Gregory, Ron	LMPD
Smith, Shad	SCTE
Jarrell, Colleen	HNTB
Anderson, Mark	ASPD
Wilhelm, Angela	FDOT
Hancock, Byrdell	ASPD
Medei, Mark	FHP
Moncion, Tony	ASPD
Cortes, Bob	Cortes Towing
Roark, James	SCPS
Banks, Thomas	LEL
Steward, Joe	FDOT
Wall, Barry	FDOT
Wynn, Larry	FDOT
Fogt-Boulnois, Christina	VHB, Inc
Crutcher, Charles	OPD
Michalos, Jackie	FDOT

Will Maxwell called the June 23, 2009 meeting to order at 8:30 a. m. The minutes from our May 26, 2009 meeting were approved as submitted by Wayne Gamble and seconded by Barry Wall.

OLD BUSINESS:

The RSA Committee - Mike Blinn has completed a traffic crash plot of CR427 and North Street and will forward it to Colleen Jarrell for review. Colleen Jarrell reported that the RSA reviewed intersections at Hunt Club Boulevard and Sand Lake Road, State Road 434 and Sand Lake Road, and CR427 and North Street. Upon review of these intersections, recommendations will be submitted regarding ADA issues such as sidewalk and curb alignment and access to pedestrian push buttons. They also reviewed the Dixon Trail Crossing along Markham Woods Road. Improvements will be suggested such as improvements to signage along the roadway and flashing pedestrian crossing signs with video detection. Issues with visibility may not be able to be addressed due to foliage on private property. Discussions will ensue with Metroplan for funding.

Pete Brenenstuhl discussed the recent Spanish for Law Enforcement Officers class that was just hosted by the Seminole County Sheriff's Office. He said it was well received and about 10 Deputies attended. He would highly recommend it to all. Thomas Banks stated that through the Law Enforcement Liaison Program, local agencies could host a 40 hour Basic Spanish, a 40 hour Advanced Spanish, and a 12 hour DUI specific Spanish class all are available at no cost.

Tony Moncione provided briefing notes and officer postings for Altamonte Springs' Red, Hot & Boom to the Law Enforcement agencies in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Seat Belt Enforcement Operation on June 30 & July 1 will be an individual agency effort. Results will be posted on CTST website. Casselberry PD is planning a press release and contact with local media.
- b. Specific plans for the rescheduled Memorial Day Operation were not available.
- c. Specific plans for the rescheduled Motorcycle Safety Operation were not available. It was discussed that this could be rescheduled during October to coincide with Biketoberfest and Sanford's Thunder on the River Run. Event will be discussed at a later date.
- d. Will Maxwell brought up the possibility of setting up an Enforcement Operation for School Bus Safety targeting violators who pass School Buses while dropping off students. This will have to wait until the start of the next school year so locations can be targeted.

PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS:

Six current problems and solutions were discussed.

- 2009-05 open (Study complete. Upon review by FDOT, 6 new chevrons will be installed in curve and hairpin turn sign with an advisory speed will be posted. This will remain open until improvements completed)
- 2009-06 open (under review by FDOT, Larry Wynn expects an answer shortly)
- 2009-09 open (Improvements have started)
- 2009-10 signal timing (Sgt. R. Gregory will get with signalization contractor to check timing)
- 2009-11 signage (Larry Wynn suggested waiting to see how the improvements are completed in the area)
- 2009-12 signage (Mike Blinn will check and see if there is adequate signage in Seminole County's jurisdiction)

FATALITIES TO DATE:

There were three traffic fatalities to review:

4/1/09: Traffic fatality along I-4 involving a Semi-truck that struck other vehicle in rear causing a chain reaction. FHP investigated and no report was immediately available for review. It is believed that the driver of the Semi, the only fatality may have expired prior to the crash due to a heart attack.

5/2/09: Previously discussed crash involving a motorcycle along W. Warren Avenue near Lemon Lane. Report was available for review and no new information was learned in order to prevent a similar future occurrence. An elevated Blood Alcohol Content is a strong possibility.

5/29/09: Howell Branch Road and State Road 436. Vehicle versus Pedestrian crash. Investigated by FHP and no report was immediately available for review. The pedestrian, a 48 year old female was running across Howell Branch Road and fell in traffic. She was struck while she laid on the road by a motorist, a 78 year old male who did not stop. Additional information may become available at a later date when the report can be located.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- July 3rd (Thursday) Red, Hot & Boom in Altamonte Springs @ Cranes Roost Park
- July 4th (Friday) Fireworks celebrations: Winter Springs @ Central Winds Park and in Sanford @ Lake Front.
- July 8th (Wednesday) Safe Kids meeting at 1:30 pm in DPS Building
- July 13th (Monday) Statewide CTST Coalition Meeting – Bartow, FL
- July 28th (Tuesday) CTST Meeting, 8:30 am – Lake Mary Police Department
- September 21st (Monday) Statewide CTST Coalition Meeting – Lake Buena Vista, FL

OPEN FORUM:

Ron Gregory reported that Corporal Virgil Pickelsheimer will be retiring from full time duty on July 15, 2009. He will stay with Lake Mary as a Reserve Officer and will acquire the rank of Sergeant.

Thomas Banks LEL reported that this past Click It or Ticket campaign had the largest Law Enforcement participation. Early survey results do not indicate any substantial increase in usage rates. Most people surveyed were confused by the upcoming implementation of the primary offense stating they didn't think they had to wear a seat belt until then. He believes that once enforcement begins, usage rate should increase.

July 22 is the next LAN meeting. It will be at the Orange County Sheriff's Office and will focus on the upcoming "Over the Limit – Under Arrest" campaign. He hopes to have two DUI prosecutors/attorneys at the meeting.

July 31 is the Law Enforcement Challenge to be held at the Rosen Hotel. Unlike years passed there will not be a parking fee. The submitted applications have been already reviewed and invitations will be sent out soon. Upcoming applications will be simplified. 2 Dodge Chargers, 1 Ford Truck and 1 Harley-Davidson motorcycle will be given away.

He also believed there will be a forthcoming LEL opening and would encourage anyone getting ready to retire to apply. Interested parties can contact him directly regarding qualifications and salary.

Mike Blinn advised he has received requests for traffic enforcement along S. Mellonville Avenue from Airport Blvd to E. Lake Mary Boulevard. Sgt. Brenenstuhl will look into the matter. He also stated that no parking signs have been posted on Melody Lane near Teague Middle School. George Hart got with him about apparent crashes on SR417 near the SR434 on ramp and was requesting information to see if a pattern of contributing causes could be developed. No one else had any information.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m. Our next meeting will be

July 28, 2009
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
@
Lake Mary Police PD 2nd floor training room
165 E Crystal Lake Drive
Lake Mary, FL 32746